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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/643,986

Group Art Unit: 1762

Inventor: McDonald

Filed: August 20, 2003



Title: METHOD OF TREATING SPUTTERING TARGET TO REDUCE BURN-IN TIME AND SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF AND APPARATUS THEREOF

Examiner: To Be Assigned

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

(1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

1/14/04
(Month/Day/Year)

(2) Statutory Period Expires 5/14/03
(Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month	Fee \$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$ 420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$ 950.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$ _____.

(B) Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (additional claims)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Brief	\$330.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration		\$130.00

(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$110.00, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

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Dated: January 15, 2004
Our Ref.: CS-21,295
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Respectfully submitted,



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